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Hi,

I'm a concerned diver writing in support of package 2 of the MLPA. Although I'm an enthusiastic harvester of ocean resources (I spear-fish and photograph our underwater bounties), I've witnessed a serious decline in the health of our reefs over the past years, particularly with respect to the size and abundance of rockfish.

I don't see any reason to reduce in any way the protections currently in place - indeed they should be expanded. There are many places up and down the coast where anglers and commercial fishers can and do extract from the sea. Many of the areas protected by package 2 of the current proposal are prime diving locations: relatively easy to access, and relatively rich in life. With the many other areas available for extraction, it would be a shame not to protect these areas from anglers, spearfishers, and commercial fishers.

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